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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: JAPANESE MEDIA CONTINUED CLOSE COVERAGE OF PARIS CIEC AND PROMINENTLY PLAYED FINAL COMMUNIQUE, RATING CONFERENCE AS BROADLY CONSTRUCTIVE OPENING TO "NORTH-SOUTH" DIALOGUE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. OPINION SURVEY REPORTED IN 12/20 SAILY SANKEI ADDED TO BODY OF RECENT POLL FINDINGS THAT JAPANESE PUBLIC NOW MORE POSITIVE TOWARD AMERICAN ALLIANCE AND SECURITY TREATY. (SEE TOKYO 18182)

2. PROGRAM:

A. MEDIA MEET SPACE SHUTTLE DIRECTOR: ALERTED BY USIA TO PRIVATE VISIT HERE BY NASA SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM DIRECTOR DR. MYRON MALKIN, POST ARRANGED PRESS CONFERENCE AT TOKYO AC WHERE MALKIN EXPLAINED PROGRAM TO REPORTERS OF MAJOR DAILIES. IMMEDIATE PRODUCTS WERE ARTICLES IN NATIONAL DAILIES: YOMIURI, NIHON KEIZAI AND ASAHI. POST ALSO HELPED ARRANGE DR. MALKIN'S APPEARANCE ON NHK-TV NETWORK'S POPULAR "STUDIO 102" MORNING SHOW, WHERE HE SPENT TEN MINUTES BEING INTERVIEWED ON SPACE
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SHUTTLE AND SHOWING NASA VISUALS. HE NOTED JAPAN MAY

CONTRIBUTE TO MISSION PAYLOADS.

B. FURTHER BY-PRODUCTS FROM ECONOMIC MPP: TWO RECENT EDITIONS OF NATIONALLY CIRCULATED DAILY NIKKAN KOGYO SHIMBUN CARRIED FEATURES ON ECONOMISTS GROVE, LAVE AND UKOCKIS WHOM USIS PROGRAMMED IN NOVEMBER. ARTICLES SUMMARIZING EACH ECONOMISTS' VIEWS ON AMERICAN ECONOMY WERE WORK OF REPORTER WHO ATTENDED THEIR LECTURES AT OSAKA AC.

C. AMBASSADOR IN SPORTS WEEKLY: LATEST ISSUE OF "ASAHI GOLF" MAGAZINE CARRIES USIS-FACILITATED FIVE-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR HODGSON DISCUSSING VALUE OF US-JAPAN SPORTS EXCHANGES, INCLUDING PRO AND ON-PRO GOLF AND BASEBALL.

D. DPAO DINNER LEADS TO PRESS COLUMN: " HISSEN" COLUMN IN DAILY TOKYO SHIMBUN OF 12/19 DISCUSSED CROSS-INFLUENCES BETWEEN PRESS OPINION AND PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH WAS ONE SUBJECT "HISSEN" COLUMNIST DISCUSSED WITH OTHER EDITORIALISTS AT RECENT DPAO DINNER. (ITEM 2.D IN LAST HIGHLIGHTS REPORT)

E. SCHOLAR ON U.S. DIPLOMACY IN ASIA: POST PROGRAMMED AS VOLSPKR UNIV. OF CHICAGO HISTORY PROFESSOR AKIRA IRIYE, WHO SPOKE AT FUKUOKA, KYOTO AND NAGOYA AC'S ON "IS COLD WAR OVER IN ASIA?" IRIYE APPEARED BEFORE MIXED AUDIENCE IN FUKUOKA WITH PROMINENT LOCAL JOURNALISTS AND SCHOLAR AS CO-DISCUSSANTS. BEFORE KYOTO AUDIENCE OF SOME 20 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SPECIALISTS, IRIYE HAD AS CO-SPEAKER NOTED KYOTO UNIV. PROFESSOR MASATAKA KOHSAKA. FIRST NAGOYA PROGRAM WAS AT MARXIST STRONGHOLD OF AICHI UNIVERSITY, WHICH USIS COULD "PENETRATE" BECAUSE IRIYE'S FATHER FORMERLY TAUGHT THERE. THIRTY ACADEMICIANS, GRAD AND UNDERGRAD STUDENTS HEARD IRIYE EFFECTIVELY PRESENT SOLID HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF POSTWAR AMERICAN ASIA POLICY. GOOD DISCUSSED FOLLOWED. ACADEMICIANS CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS WITH IRIYE AT DINNER MEETING. SECOND-DAY'S PROGRAM WAS SIMILAR EVENT AT NANZAN UNIVERSITY WITH 17-MEMBER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDY GROUP, ALL SCHOLARS FROM LOCAL COLLEGES. EXTREMELY LIVELY DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AT LECTURE HALL AND AT SUBSEQUENT DINNER. DPAO'S RATED IRIYE VERY GOOD, BUT WOULD TEAM HIM AT FUTURE EVENTS WITH SPOKESMAN BETTER ABLE TO DISCUSS CURRENT U.S. POLICY. LOCAL SCHOLARS UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE KEENLY INTERESTED IN IRIYE'S METHODOLOGY OF HEAVY RELIANCE ON USG DOCUMENTS RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED OR OTHERWISE BECOMING AVAILABLE UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. THIS EXAMPLE OF U.S. OPENNESS IS NOT LOST ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY.

F. LABOR EXCHANGE GROUP FOUNDED IN SAPPORO: EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE IMMERMANN AND EXCHANGES OFFICER MCDONALD ATTENDED FOUNDING MEETING AT SAPPORO AC OF HOKKAIDO-AMERICA LABOR

EXCHANGE CONFERENCE (HALEC). TWO-DAY EVENT ON THEME "LET'S DEEPEN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES, GOING BEYOND RACE AND NATION, WITH GOAL OF RAISING LABORERS' LIVELIHOOD." AFTER MISSING FIRST EVENING'S ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF SNOW-GROUNDED FLIGHT, MESSRS. MCDONALD AND IMMERMANN DELIVERED GREETINGS FROM AMBASSADOR HODGSON AND SPOKE INFORMALLY ON LABOR EXCHANGES AND AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT'S PRESENT AND FUTURE, WHILE HOKKAIDO COAL MINER FEDERATION PRESIDENT HISAO MORITA DESCRIBED HIS U.S. TRIP AND OBSERVATIONS ON U.S. LABOR. FORTY CHARTER MEMBERS INCLUDE MANY PROMINENT LABOR LEADERS OF HOKKAIDO. 12/24 "HOKKAIDO SHIMBUN" REPORTED EVENT PROMINENTLY.

3. POST'S ARS FULLY COMPUTERIZED. FINAL TOUCHES HAVE BEEN PUT ON POST'S COMPUTERIZED AUDIENCE RECORD SYSTEM (ARS), WHICH UTILIZES DEPARTMENT'S BANGKOK COMPUTER CENTER FOR CUMULATIVE PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY RECORDS, WITH SUPPLEMENT OF CONTRACTED TOKO COMPUTER SERVICES FOR INVITATION LISTS AND MAILINGS. COMPUTER PROGRAMS HAVE CHECKED OUT IN BANGKOK AND BEEN INSTALLED ON TOKYO COMPUTER AS WELL. FIRST SERVICE REQUESTS HAVE ALREADY GONE TO COMPUTER FOR JANUARY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. NEW SYSTEM WILL VASTLY IMPROVE ARS CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT PROGRAM CONTROL AND EVALUATION.
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